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To whom it may concern:

I oppose the application of antitrust laws against Microsoft. I have developed software for 20+ years and have used several software development tools and environments. Microsoft has made my job far easier than it otherwise would have been. In fact, it has probably made possible the very existence of my job.

The integration of the operating system and user applications is crucial to my productivity, and using applications developed by the same company radically reduces the learning curve for new products. In addition, the number of software errors in these products is reduced because the same company produces all of the software. In short, Microsoft should not be punished for improving the lives of software developers and end users.

Under a system of objective law, the above information would be irrelevant. The application of justice is not contingent on public opinion. Nor is it contingent on contradictory laws that violate basic property rights and guarantees against involuntary servitude. The Federal Government has neither the moral right nor the legal authority to punish Microsoft under the antitrust laws.

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